

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): 8-hydroxy-5-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl ethyl] amino] ethyl]-2(1H)-quinolin one monohydrochloride characterized by a melting range of 180-200°C determined by Differential Scanning Calorimetry and a X-ray powder diffraction pattern having *inter alia* one or more of the following characteristic peaks: 12.2; 13.6; 16.3; 18.0; 18.2; 19.2; 21.4; 21.9; 22.8; 23.5; 24.2; 24.9; 26.6; 28.5; 29.4; 29.9; and 33.9 ± 0.2 degrees /2 theta.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): 8-hydroxy-5-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl ethyl]amino]ethyl]-2(1H)-quinolinone monohydrochloride of claim 1 ~~characterized~~ having ~~by~~ a melting range of 185-195°C determined by Differential Scanning Calorimetry.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): 8-hydroxy-5-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl ethyl]amino]ethyl]-2(1H)-quinolinone monohydrochloride of claim[[s]]1[-2]] having a crystalline degree expressed as weight % of the crystalline compound with respect to the total weight of the compound of at least 90%.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): 8-hydroxy-5-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl ethyl]amino]ethyl]-2(1H)-quinolinone monohydrochloride of ~~claims 1-3~~ claim 1 having a crystalline degree expressed as weight % of the crystalline compound with respect to the total weight of the compound of at least 93%.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): 8-hydroxy-5-[(1R)-1-hydroxy-2-[(1R)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl ethyl]amino]ethyl]-2(1H)-quinolinone monohydrochloride of ~~claims 1-4~~ claim 1 having a crystalline degree expressed as weight % of the crystalline compound with respect to the total weight of the compound of at least 95%.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of [[a]] the compound ~~as claimed in claims 1-5 of claim 1~~ comprising crystallising or re-crystallising [[the]] said compound from an aqueous ethanol solution ~~added with~~ and diisopropyl ether wherein the aqueous ethanol solution is concentrated to a volume comprised between 1/2 and 1/3 of the initial volume and ~~the addition of the diisopropyl ether is added to the concentrated solution~~ is performed in at least 5 minutes.

Claim 7 (Original): A process according to claim 6 further comprising the step of re-crystallization from a protic solvent comprising ethanol, isopropanol or their aqueous mixtures.